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DuPage Public Safety Communications

November 28, 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: RM-11348

Subject: Cyren Call Communications Proposal

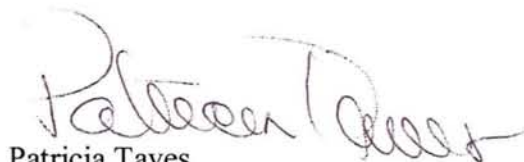
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you on behalf of DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM), a consolidated 9-1-1 center that provides dispatch services for 12 police and 15 fire departments in DuPage County, Illinois. Our agencies serve 650,000 residents and respond to 255,550 emergency incidents each year. We are located 18 miles west of the City of Chicago.

In 1996, public safety identified the need for 97.5 MHz of additional spectrum to meet the communications needs over the next ten years. The largest amount of the spectrum was anticipated for use with advanced wideband and broadband equipment. To date, the FCC has allocated only 24 MHz of narrow band spectrum to public safety users in the 700 MHz range.

DU-COMM strongly supports your recent recommendation to allocate 30 MHz of additional spectrum in the 700 MHz range. State and local government agencies need wide-area, mobile broadband communications capability and improved interoperability on a regional basis. Broadband networks should be built and maintained to meet public safety requirements, not just commercial needs. Congress and the FCC should take steps to ensure that 30 MHz of additional spectrum is reallocated and assigned to a public safety broadband trust for the benefit of public safety communications.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director

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